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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2008, about having to renumber the claims in correct format. The applicant's last official response was mailed on February 24, 2003. That response contained a clean copy of claims 10-23. According to our telephone conversation, the applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-23 be canceled. The applicant would like to submit new claims 24-39 to be examined at this time. The new claims, in correct format, are attached with this response. A total of 16 claims, including two independent claims, are enclosed.

The applicant is also enclosing a copy of the Office Action and outside postmarks that was mailed by the USPTO on November 24, 2008. The applicant received this letter on December 13, 2008. Just eleven days before a response was due. Luckily, the applicant had earlier called the Inventor's Assistance Center and found out about the Office Action, the new examiner, and when it was due.

Very Respectfully,

  
Thomas C. Thompson

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